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Applicant: Patrick C. Herbert et al.  
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**AMENDMENT**

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Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office action of October 3, 2003, please amend the above-identified Application as follows:

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

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